



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) is announcing November as Marrow Donor Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, more than 35,000 children and adults are diagnosed with leukemia and other life-threatening diseases each year; and

WHEREAS, many people continue to die from leukemia and other life-threatening blood diseases because they are unaware that an unrelated bone marrow transplant could be life saving; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the NMDP is to facilitate successful transplants of hematopoietic cells from volunteer unrelated donors for patients of all racial and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is a goal of the NMDP to continue increasing the number of African American, Hispanic or Latino, Asian American, and American Indian volunteer donors through focused recruitment efforts; and

WHEREAS, the registry of donors contains over 6.75 million volunteers nationally and over 10 million volunteers internationally, who have agreed to become unrelated marrow donors for people unknown to them, but in need of a transplant; and

WHEREAS, the NMDP is working with its affiliated centers have facilitated over 25,000 unrelated transplants worldwide; and

WHEREAS, some residents of Idaho have received transplants and some are still in need of transplants;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2007 to be

MARROW DONOR AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho, and I encourage all Idahoans to work with the NMDP on the continued growth of the registry and the number of transplants facilitated.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at Boise, Idaho, on this 26th day of October in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-second and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred eighteenth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter", is written over a horizontal line.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa", is written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE